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NIA heat on Jamaat, raids 56 J&K premises

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE National Investigation Agency on Sunday launched a major crackdown on the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), with raids at 56 locations in all 10 districts of Kashmir and four in Jammu on premises tied to it in connection with terror funding. The raids were jointly conducted along with the local police and the CRPF.

Premises of the office bearers of the proscribed association, its members and also offices of trusts purportedly run by the JeI were searched. Various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized, an NIA spokesperson said.

JeI was banned in 2019 for its alleged close links with terror outfits. The Home ministry's ban order came a fortnight after a suicide attack on a CRPF convoy at Pulwama in February 2019 that left 40 personnel dead.

The NIA said the members of the organisation have been collecting funds domestically and abroad through donations, particularly in the form of *Zakat* and *Mowda* (paying a share of individual income for the cause) as also *Bait-ul-Mal* (donation for poor), purportedly to further charity activities, but were using it for violent and secessionist activities. The funds raised by the JeI are also being channelised to terrorist organisations such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Taiba, the NIA said.

Constitution amend bill to see rare House unity

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

BOTH Houses of Parliament may witness smooth functioning this week for the first time during the monsoon session as the Centre will introduce the Constitutional 127th Amendment Bill restoring powers of states to notify backward classes with full Opposition support as an exception.

Floor leaders of the Opposition parties in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are scheduled to meet at 10 am at the office of Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday to take the final call on the matter and discuss future strategy amid reports that the government may wind up the session early after passage of this bill. The session is anyway scheduled to end on August 13.

Sources said all Opposition parties are on the same page on the importance of the bill, keeping in mind the Assembly elections scheduled early next year. The Congress and other regional parties have been pressing the Centre for bringing an amendment to the 102nd Constitutional amendment Act to overturn the May 5 Supreme Court judgment that vests sole power with the Centre to identify the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) list.

"It is a very important issue and we have suggested that this bill be treated as an exception for participation in the discussion and passing," said a senior Opposition leader, adding there is no stepping back on our demand for a discussion on Pegasus snoopgate.

Both Houses have seen repeated disruptions since the start of the monsoon session on July 19 over the demand to discuss the use of Pegasus to spy on citizens.

For the Constitution to be amended, the bill must be passed in both Houses separately by absolute majority, which is more than 50% of the House strength, and a special majority of two-thirds of those present and voting.

Restoring state right to notify OBCs

As a workaround to the SC directive, the Constitutional 127th Amendment Bill is expected to amend Articles 342 A — clauses 1 and 2 — and introduce clause 342 A (3) specifically authorising states to maintain their state list

Relax 50% cap: Uddhav

The Centre should also relax SC's 50% quota ceiling, which is the stumbling block for Maratha reservation, says Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray

GAMES OVER

LIGHTS OFF

The Tokyo 2020 Games were declared closed on Sunday by IOC chief Thomas Bach, who said it had been the "most challenging Olympic journey" after a year's pandemic delay and threats of cancellation.

OVER TO PARIS

The Olympic flag was passed to Paris for the 2024 Games. Live footage showed cheering crowds in the French capital -- in stark contrast to Tokyo.

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No of medals won by the United States.

US FINISH ON TOP

In the Games held behind closed doors, gold in volleyball, track cycling and basketball took US to the top of the medal table with 39 gold. China was second with 38, followed by Japan with 27 gold. India finished 48th.

NO WEIGHTLIFTING?

IOC gave itself more power to remove sports from the Olympic programme as doubts grow over the future of weightlifting and boxing in Paris Games | P15,16

Reopening of Classes 9-12 may be delayed, hints minister

CHETANA BELAGERE & DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru, Tumakuru

REOPENING of physical classes for students of Classes 9, 10, 11 and 12 on August 23 may be postponed. Newly appointed minister for Primary and Secondary Education BC Nagesh on Sunday told The New Indian Express that this is a tentative date and the exact schedule will be decided after deliberations with officials to understand if adequate preparations have been made in schools and colleges.

"I was busy reviewing the flood situation and Covid. I am yet to meet my department officials. We need to see if preparations are all done," Nagesh said.

Experts in Bengaluru, meanwhile, listed a few challenges before the new minister on not only the urgent need to ensure reopening of physical classes, but also on fee regulation in private schools, teacher transfers etc.

"There is an immediate need to restart physical classes. The earlier decisions were taken in an unscientific manner. This has snatched not only the primary right to education, but also children's right to nutrition and wellbeing. The first challenge before the new minister is to restart schools, especially for primary class students," said educationist Niranjan Aradhya.

The minister said, "This portfolio is challenging. But I believe that while facing the challenges, I will build my capacity." P6

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Karnataka thanks Neeraj Chopra's coach

The State has announced Rs 10 lakh as a token of appreciation for the Olympic gold medalist's coach Kashinath Naik, who hails from Sirsi | P6

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Deaths	617	491

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Fresh cases	1,610	1,598
Recoveries	1,640	1,914
Deaths	32	20

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